(b) the details of the said representation from Road Safety Forum;

(c) whether it is a fact that higher speed would mean more deaths on roads; and

(d) the steps proposed to carefully consider such measures which negatively affect road safety?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A letter dated 12th April, 2007 from Shri Pentapati Pullarao, of Road Safety Forum had been received. The Forum had, *inter alia*, mentioned in this letter that one lakh people are killed on nation's roads and there is no provision of medical and trauma care on road etc. It has suggested that a Study was needed to be undertaken, first to estimate the number of deaths which result from higher speed on unsafe and un-patrolled roads.

(c) Over speeding *i.e* speed of a motor vehicle in excess of prescribed speed limit is one of the important factors contributing to road accidents and fatalities.

(d) In exercise of powers conferred by Section 112 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, Central Government had notified the maximum speed limit of various classes of motor vehicles *vide* S.O. 425 (E) dated 9th June, 1989. However, the State Government can fix minimum and maximum speed limits for various categories of Motor Vehicles in the interest of public safety and convenience or because of the nature of any road or bridge, subject to the condition that the maximum speed prescribed by the State Government shall not exceed the maximum speed limit fixed by the Central Government.

Regularisation of colonies

*353. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have taken a final decision for the regularization of about 1500 unauthorised colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is expected to be announced; and

(c) what benefits about 35 lakhs of population of these unauthorized

colonies would get and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) (a) to (c) The Union Government on 8.2.2007 has approved a proposal regarding revision in the guidelines for regularization of unauthorized colonies in Delhi. Accordingly, the process of finalizing the revised guidelines is on. Unauthorized colonies fulfilling the prescribed conditions will be eligible for regularization.

The GNCTD had invited applications from Societies/Associations of unauthorized colonies existing as on 31.3.2002, seeking regularization and received 1432 applications. Further, 107 applications have been received by GNCTD in response to a later advertisement inviting applications. GNCTD has informed that verification on site of these applications has been taken up through different agencies.

Once regularized, as per the provisions of Master Plan, unauthorized regularized colonies will be covered by the Special Area Building Regulations to be framed for special area, unauthorized regularized colonies and village abadis. Owners in special area, unauthorized regularized colonies and village abadi shall register themselves with the local body within a period of four months indicating the existing extent of construction. Thereafter a certificate of structural safety by qualified engineers shall be submitted within the next 6 months subject to height restriction of 15 meters, all buildings covered by such registration shall be exempted from punitive action till Special Area Building Regulations for these areas are notified or maximum three years, whichever is earlier. The concerned local bodies/agencies responsible for civic services will provide civic facilities as per their service plans and over a period of time, those colonies will be integrated into the planned development. In view of the legal and administrative issues involved, no time frame has been fixed at this stage.

Expansion of communication services in U.P.

†*354. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.